

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

THE ATWOOD BUILDING
550 WEST 7TH AVENUE, SUITE 1270
ANCHORAGE, AK
BOARD OF NURSING
MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2014

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the professions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a special telephonic meeting of the Board of Nursing was held at 4:00 P.M. It was a public meeting properly "public noticed" for 5 days. The meeting, as per usual, was taped. The Executive Administrator, Staff for the Board, is present.

Thursday, September 11, 2014

Agenda Item 1 CALL TO ORDER

Denise Valentine, RN, ANP, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

- Denise Valentine, MS, RN, ANP, Chairperson, Anchorage
- Erin Evans, MS, RN, Vice Chair, Anchorage
- Julie Gillette, Secretary, Public Member, Fairbanks
- Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Anchorage
- Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Eagle River

Staff present from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing:

- Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator

Agenda

This special meeting of the Board of Nursing addressed the following grievance:

On July 30, 2014, Dr. Nancy Sanders, Executive Administrator for the Alaska Board of Nursing (BON), received a grievance from Ms. Beth

Furrow, lapsed Certificate # NUA A 7035, 1617 Mary Ann St. #1 Fairbanks, Alaska dated July 26, 2014, which concerns the recertification of her Nurse Aide Certificate (CNA.)

Per Ms. Lisa Maroney, BON Licensing Supervisor, Ms. Furrow did not meet the requirements for renewal as a CNA and was required to submit an application for reinstatement as a CNA by examination, doing so on April 14, 2014.

Ms. Furrow requested an investigation of two areas of concern in relationship to her 3rd recertification skills evaluation, 1) Hand Hygiene and 2) Assist Client with Use of Bedpan. She provided an audio recording.

Information provided to the BON for consideration of this grievance:

- 1) Document from Senior Investigator Brian Howes
- 2) Grievance Letter from Beth Furrow, Time Line and Audio Recording dated 7/26/2014.
- 3) Written Statement by proctor for Pearson VUE, Ms. Carol Coady, RN, dated 8/13/2014.
- 4) Written Statement by proctor for Pearson VUE, Ms. Mildred (Mickey) Sanders, undated.
- 5) Alaska Nurse Aide NNAAP Examination Results, dated 7/17/2014 for examination completed 7/10/2014
- 6) National Nurse Aide Assessment Program – Application for Competency Evaluation, dated 7/10/2014.
- 7) Application for Reinstatement of Nurse Aide Certification Packet

Introductions

Presenters/Guests:

- Beth Furrow, CNA, Grievance Petitioner
- Frank Furrow, Husband of Petitioner
- Theresa Dobb, Daughter of Petitioner

Agenda Item 2

Grievance of Results of Nurse Aide Skills Evaluation

The Board reviewed & discussed items presented within the Agenda in Agenda Item 1. It was clarified that the proctor, Carol Coady, has never had a discrepancy reported against her in the past and that the proctor trainee Mildred Sanders is not related to the Executive Administrator, Dr. Nancy Sanders. The Chairwoman notified the Board of Nursing of the Investigator's recommendations.

Agenda Item 2a

Statement by Beth Furrow

Beth Furrow made a statement: she has had her license for 14 years. She is very stressed so her husband is speaking on her behalf. Ms. Furrow stated that she disagrees with the proctors' decision.

Agenda Item 2b Discussion by Board Members

The Board discussed the written and verbal presentations.

Agenda Item 2c Discussion of the Grievance – Motion

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Tom Hendrix, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, under the authority of AS 08.68.100(b)(3), having reviewed the grievance letter submitted by Beth Furrow, lapsed CNA certification NUA A 7035 and the supporting documents and after hearing Frank and Beth Furrow's verbal comments, hereby upholds the results of her July 10, 2014 Nurse Aide Skills Evaluation result.

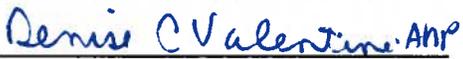
According to 12 AAC 44.850(d), Ms. Furrow's next step in reinstating her nurse aide certification is to take a 20 hour remedial skills course, provide proof to the Board of completion of that requirement and then to retake the skills competency evaluation.

The board adjourned at 4:34 pm until October 22-24, 2014 in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN
Executive Administrator
Alaska Board of Nursing

Approved:


Denise Valentine, RN, ANP, Chair
Alaska Board of Nursing

Date: 10/22/2014